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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A product comprising:
  - a computer readable storage medium; and
  - computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions including:
    - first instructions for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and associates events with respective periods of time, at least one of the respective periods of time being prospective; and
    - second instructions for generating a media view that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a period of time.
2. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating the media view associate digital media files with event information.
3. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to generate a timeline view that combines the calendar view and the media view.
4. (previously presented) The product of Claim 3, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to generate, in the timeline view, a timeline associated with the media view.
5. (previously presented) The product of Claim 3, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to generate, in the timeline view, a timeline associated with the calendar view and the media view.
6. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to correlate metadata information of the media file and calendar events.

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7. (previously presented) The product of Claim 6, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to combine metadata information of the media file and a relevant calendar event.

8. (previously presented) The product of Claim 7, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to store the combined metadata information into the metadata information of the media file.

9. (previously presented) The product of Claim 8, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to display, in the media view, an item of information in the metadata as a title for a group of media files having the same metadata as used in the title.

10. (previously presented) The product of Claim 910, further comprising third instructions for searching the calendar view and the media view in terms of time period.

11. (previously presented) The product of Claim 10, further comprising third instructions for searching the calendar view and the media view in terms of any combination of metadata information.

12. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions also generate an indicator for the current time.

13. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions also generate a delineation between past time and future time.

14. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions associate digital media files with a period of time based upon information associated with the digital media file.

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15. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions provide a user a presentation mode to access the digital media files.

16. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions generate a media view that associates digital media files with a past period of time.

17. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions generate a calendar view that associates events with respective future periods of time.

18. (previously presented) The product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions for generating a media view that provides access to the media files within a period in time further generates instruction that adjusts a size of a period of time view according to the amount of the media files in the period of time.

19. (previously presented) The product of Claim 18, wherein the second instructions adjust the size of the period of time view so that all the media files within a period of time are visible.

20. (currently amended) A method for digital media management in a digital device, the method comprising:

receiving, in a media diary application, a digital media file having metadata associated with the digital media file, the media diary application being configured to represent time in calendar format and associate events with respective periods of time, at least one of the respective periods of time being prospective; and

providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a representation of the digital media file in connection with a time element of the metadata.

21. (previously presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising correlating the metadata in the digital media file with calendar event information prior to providing a user access to the media file via a media view.

22. (currently amended) A method for digital media management in a digital device, the method comprising:

receiving a digital media file having metadata associated with the digital media file;

transmitting the file, automatically, to a media diary application that associates the digital media file with a period in time based on the metadata, the media diary application being configured to represent time in calendar format and associate events with respective periods of time, at least one of the respective periods of time being prospective;

providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a representation of the digital media item in connection with the period of time.

23. (previously presented) The method of Claim 22, further comprising providing the user access to the digital media file via a timeline view that combines a timeline with the media view and a calendar view of calendared events.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein the providing the user access to the digital media file via a timeline view that combines a timeline with the media view and a calendar view of calendared events further comprises providing the user access to the digital media file via a timeline view that combines a timeline with the media view of media files associated with past periods of time and a calendar view of calendared events associated with future periods of time.

25. (previously presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein the providing the user access to the digital media file via a timeline view that combines a timeline with the media view and a calendar view of calendared events further comprises providing the user access to the digital media file via a timeline view that combines a scrollable timeline with the media view and a calendar view of calendared events.

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26. (currently amended) A method for digital media management in a digital device, the method comprising:

storing information related to a calendar event in an event file, the calendar event being prospectively calendared;

receiving a digital media file associated with the calendar event;

correlating the digital media file with the information in the event file; and

creating an accessible representation of the digital media file and at least a portion of the correlated information in the event file.

27. (previously presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the storing information related to a calendar event in an event file further comprises storing information related to a calendar event in an event file associated with a calendar planner of a media diary.

28. (previously presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the creating an accessible representation of the digital media file and at least a portion of the correlated information in the event file further comprises creating, in a media view of the media diary, an accessible representation of the digital media file and at least a portion of the correlated information in the event file.

29. (previously presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the storing information related to a calendar event in an event file further comprises storing date and event title information related to a calendar event in an event file.

30. (previously presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the correlating the digital media file with the information in the event file further comprises correlating metadata in the digital media file with date information in the event file.

31. (previously presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the correlating the digital media file with the information in the event file further comprises correlating metadata in the digital media file with metadata information in the event file.

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32. (currently amended) A method for defining a media file representation in a media view of a media diary application, the method comprising:

receiving a media file having associated metadata information;

correlating the metadata information with calendar event information, the calendar event information relating to a prospectively calendared event;

determining a manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary;

presenting the media file as a media file representation in the media view in accordance with the correlation procedure and the determination of the manner of representation.

33. (previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further comprises determining the size of a thumbnail representing the media file.

34. (previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further comprises determining the size of the date column that the representation will reside in.

35. (previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further comprises determining the size of the media view in proportion to the overall viewing area.

36. (previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the determining the manner in which the media file will be represented in a media view of the media diary further comprises determining a quantity of the media files represented in a date column.

37. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

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first instructions for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and associates events with respective periods of time, at least one of the respective periods of time being prospective, and

second instructions for generating a media view that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a period of time.

38. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the first and second instructions operate concurrently to generate a timeline view that combines the calendar view and the media view.

39. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 41, wherein the display presents the timeline view with a timeline associated with the calendar view and the media view.

40. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 37, wherein the processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising further comprises a third instructions for searching the calendar view and the media view in terms of time period.

41. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 37, further comprising a display in communication with the processing unit that presents, independently, the calendar view and the media view.